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SUBJ: DAYAN ON PEACE TALKS AND RELATIONS WITH THE US

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN DISCUSSED THE CURRENT STATE OF THE PEACE TALKS BEFORE THE "FORUM FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CLARIFICATIONS," THE GROUP ORGANIZED BY DAYAN ADMIRERS TO PROVIDE THE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH A CONVENIENT PUBLIC PLATFORM FOR AIRING HIS VIEWS. THE FORUM (OR "BAMA") MET IN BEERSHEBA ON APRIL 15 AND DREW A SHABBAT AFTERNOON AUDIENCE OF 500. PART OF DAYAN'S ADDRESS WAS DEVOTED TO MORE SPADE WORK FOR THE NEW ELABORATION OF ISRAEL'S POSITION ON 242, ON WHICH DAYAN HAD CONCENTRATED THE PREVIOUS NIGHT ON A TV INTERVIEW AND WHICH WAS ALSO THE MAJOR TOPIC OF THE APRIL 16 CABINET MEETING (SEE TEL AVIV 9016). HOWEVER, MOST OF HIS SPEECH  
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DWELT ON HIS CONCEPTION OF THE US ROLE IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WHILE WELCOMING US ASSISTANCE IN PEACE TALKS AND ADVOCATING US-ISRAELI DIALOGUE, DAYAN EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THERE ARE MATTERS WHICH CAN BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS WITHOUT US HELP. AS

AN EXAMPLE, HE CITED THE OPEN BRIDGES ARRANGEMENT WITH JORDAN AND ADDED THAT THE "GENERALLY PEACEFUL RELATIONS" WITH THE ARAB INHABITANTS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS A SITUATION NO OUTSIDER COULD HAVE HELPED IN ACHIEVING. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WILL WORK OUT HIS PROBLEMS WITH WASHINGTON DURING HIS UP-COMING US VISIT. HE LISTED THE US-ISRAELI DISAGREEMENTS AS (A) JERUSALEM'S REFUSAL TO RETURN TO THE 1967 LINES WITH ONLY MINOR ADJUSTMENTS; (B) DIFFERENCES IN WORDING IN MEETING THE DEMAND FOR PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION; AND (C) DIFFERENCES ON THE APPLICATION OF 242 TO THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, ACCEPTS 242 AS PERTAINING TO SYRIA, EGYPT, JORDAN AND LEBANON.

3. OTHER POINTS MADE BY DAYAN: IF EGYPT REJECTS ISRAEL'S PEACE PROPOSALS, WHICH "ARE NOT SACRED," THEN CAIRO SHOULD OFFER COUNTER-PROPOSALS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF SADAT CONTEMPLATES BREAKING OFF NEGOTIATIONS, HE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT ISRAEL REMAINS IN SHARM EL SHEIKH, -TUR AND THE SINAI SETTLEMENTS. "WE ARE NOT DEMANDING ...LAND FROM THE ARABS. THEY HAVE TO ASK THEM (TERRITORIES) BACK FROM US." YET ISRAEL MUST RECOGNIZE THE "1800 DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN THE APPROACHES OF NASSER, WHO REJECTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND SPOKE OF WRESTING BY FORCE LAND TAKEN BY FORCE, AND SADAT, WHO REALIZES UNCLASSIFIED

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HE CAN OBTAIN MORE FROM ISRAEL THROUGH THE US THAN BY WAR.

4. DAYAN SAID IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESOLVE THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WITHOUT SOLVING THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE THEORY THAT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS A PUBLIC RELATIONS GIMMICK DREAMED UP BY THE ARABS. AT THE SAME TIME, DAYAN ATTACKED THE PEACE NOW MOVEMENT FOR DEMANDING AN IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARABS WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO A PEACE TREATY ON SADAT'S TERMS, I.E. "ISRAEL'S PULLBACK TO A LINE ONLY FIFTEEN KILOMETERS FROM TEL AVIV, SELF-DETERMINATION TO THE PALESTINIANS UNDER ARAFAT, DISMANTLING OF ALL THE SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK AND SINAI AND TAKING DOWN ALL OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY EARLY WARNING EQUIPMENT."

5. PRECEDING DAYAN ON THE DIAS WAS LA'AM MK ZALMAN SHOVAL, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION (SEE TEL AVIV 4949). HE WAS ONE OF THE MAIN ORIGINAL ORGANIZERS OF THE FORUM AND IS A LOYAL SUPPORTER OF DAYAN. SHOVAL MAINTAINED THAT THE ARGUMENT IS NOT BETWEEN RETAINING ALL OF ERETZ YISRAEL ON THE ONE HAND AND A TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE ON THE OTHER, BUT RATHER BETWEEN

THOSE SUPPORTING ISRAELI RETENTION OF VITAL AREAS AND THOSE  
PREPARED TO RETURN "ALL THE AREAS ON ALL FRONTS." ARGU-  
ING OVER THE INTERPRETATION OF 242, ACCORDING TO SHOVAL,  
IS A DIVERSION FROM THE MAIN POINT. LEWIS

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